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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 7,054,850
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 7,039,233
- (3) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2006-0115157

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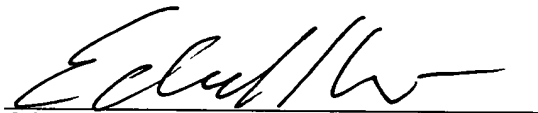
The foregoing documents turned up during pre-filing activities in preparation of the subject application and has at least one inventor in common with, and is commonly-assigned with the subject application.

It is noted that the foregoing application has not been published under 35 U.S.C. § 122. However, the application is currently available in the Patent Office's Image File Wrapper. Therefore, in accordance with Official Gazette Notice 1287 O.G. 163 (Oct. 19, 2004), a copy of the foregoing U.S. Application is not being provided herewith.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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